

UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL
Thursday, November 29, 2012
7:00 P.M.

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session at its regularly scheduled meeting time on Thursday, November 29, 2012 at the hour of 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall at 508 E. Fourth Street, Huntingburg, Indiana. Members Lehr, Kissling, McPherron, Blackgrove and Summers were present. Also present were Mayor Spinner and City Attorney Schneider.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Kissling seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2012 meeting as presented.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the claims as presented.

The Mayor indicated that this is the published time and place for a public hearing on the additional appropriation for \$15,000.00 for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) project to be funded from the Riverboat Fund. He asked if anyone had any comments or would like to speak to the issue of the additional appropriation. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Summers, seconded by Lehr and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-35 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR
THE 2012 BUDGET YEAR**

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2012-35 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 Nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2012-35 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:10 P.M.

Transportation Director Tooley updated the Council on the progress of the ADA compliance project.

The Mayor presented information on the proposed upgrade of the City's aerial photograph used in the City's GIS. The improvements are part of the 2013 3-Inch Imagery Buy-Up for Huntingburg, IN-Indiana Statewide Imagery Program Optional Services that will include the City municipal boundary and the airport property. Improvements include better resolution from 6 inch to 3 inch. The total cost of the upgrade is proposed to be \$27,713.00. The cost will be shared by the City of Huntingburg, Huntingburg's Utilities, IMPA, and the Huntingburg Airport. The services will be provided by Woolpert, Inc. through an agreement with the State of Indiana.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Kissling and carried to approve the proposal as presented for the upgraded aerial photography and services to be provided by Woolpert, Inc. as noted above.

A proposed facilities use agreement between the Civil City and the Huntingburg Transit Department was presented. Clerk-Treasurer Dippel informed the Council that market value for a like space was researched and the proposed \$300.00 per month rent for facilities including office space, bathroom, garage, use of office machinery, restrooms etc. necessary to administer the Transportation Department programs was lower than like properties. Dippel indicated that previous shared expenses for utilities, office supplies and telephone were questioned in an INDOT review on the basis of the dollar amount used to reimburse the Civil City was not verifiable.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by Summers and carried to approve the Facilities Use Agreement between the Civil City of Huntingburg and the City of Huntingburg Transit Department as presented.

The Mayor indicated that he met with each Council member earlier this week to discuss a proposed reorganization of the Utilities. He gave some background on the current structure and then proposed a new structure. He indicated that the new structure would consist of a Water Superintendent, Energy Superintendent and the billing responsibilities will be changed to the Clerk-Treasurer. He noted the costs of the new plan would be virtually the same. He noted that he, the Utilities Superintendent and Clerk-Treasurer would need to work with the City Attorney to make changes to the Salary ordinance.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Lehr and carried to approve the utility restructuring as presented and to proceed with the drafting of ordinances to reflect the changes in the utility structure.

The Mayor indicated the need to reschedule the December 13, 2012 Council/Utility Board meeting from 7:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. due to a conflict.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by McPherron and carried to approve the change of the time of the December 13, 2012 Council/Utility Board meeting from 7:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Utilities Superintendent Traylor presented quotes for a portable methane detector. The low quote was from Utility Sales and Service, Inc. (USSI) in the amount of \$7,945.00.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling and carried to approve the low quote from USSI for a portable methane detector in the amount of \$7,945.00.

Traylor presented quotes obtained for a new trencher for the Electric Utility. He indicated that the quote from Ditch-Witch; with a trade-in of \$17,500.00 for the utility's old machine, of \$31,592.87; was the low quote.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by McPherron and carried to accept the low quote from Ditch Witch of \$31,592.87 with the \$17,500.00 trade-in of the old trenching machine.

Utilities Superintendent Traylor presented his monthly report.

Traylor opined to the Board that the compressed natural gas vehicle conversion project was not worth the expense at this time.

Traylor informed the Board of the need to address a new water plant operator position. He indicated that another full-time operator is needed.

Traylor informed the Board that the City Lake dredging project application now needs to indicate where the dredging sludge will be applied to dry. He noted the land needs to be identified in the application. He requested a Board member to accompany him to approach landowners for this purpose.

Council Member McPherron volunteered to meet with landowners to secure a site for the application.

A revised proposed ordinance was presented amending the established equipment rental and labor rates used to reimburse the City for use of equipment and labor.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2012-37 entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2011-21 ESTABLISHING EQUIPMENT RENTAL AND LABOR REIMBURSEMENT RATES

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling and carried to suspend the rules with unanimous consent and consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2012-37 on the same date and meeting at which it was introduced.

A motion was made by McPherron, seconded by Kissling and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-37.

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2012-37 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 Nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2012-37 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 8:04 P.M.

Attorney Schneider noted that Ordinance No. 2012-36 setting legislative district boundaries was previously introduced and has been available for review by the public at the City office since the last Council meeting.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by Summers and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-36 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 30 OF THE HUNTINGBURG
MUNICIPAL CODE CHANGING THE COUNCIL DISTRICTS FOR CITY
ELECTION PURPOSES**

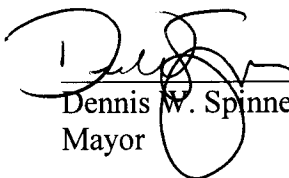
Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2012-36 the vote being 5 ayes, 0 Nays, in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2012-36 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 8:05 P.M.

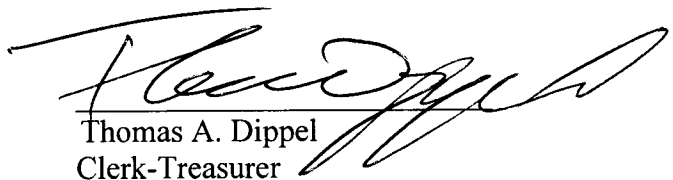
The Mayor informed the Council that tomorrow will be Rich Thyen's final day. A recognition reception will be held tomorrow in his honor from Noon to 1:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Thyen has been employed with the City for 40 years.

Attorney Schneider informed the Council of an insurance adjustment claim offer from an insurance company (CBCS). He noted that the City had originally billed a trucking company (Western Express, Inc.) for losses incurred when a truck ran over a fire hydrant at 10th and Geiger Streets, that resulted in the City having to use an expensive insertion valve and install a new fire hydrant. There was also substantial water lost. The original invoice was for \$15,389.95. The insurance company offered a revised amount of \$8,780.73, taking into account the age of the old fire hydrant, use of the insertion valve and reducing the cost of the water. Schneider had discussions with the insurance company and recommended the Council accept the insurance company's settlement offer of \$8,780.73.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Lehr and carried to accept the settlement offer of \$8,780.73 as noted above.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Kissling, seconded by McPherron and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 o'clock P.M.


Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor


Thomas A. Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer